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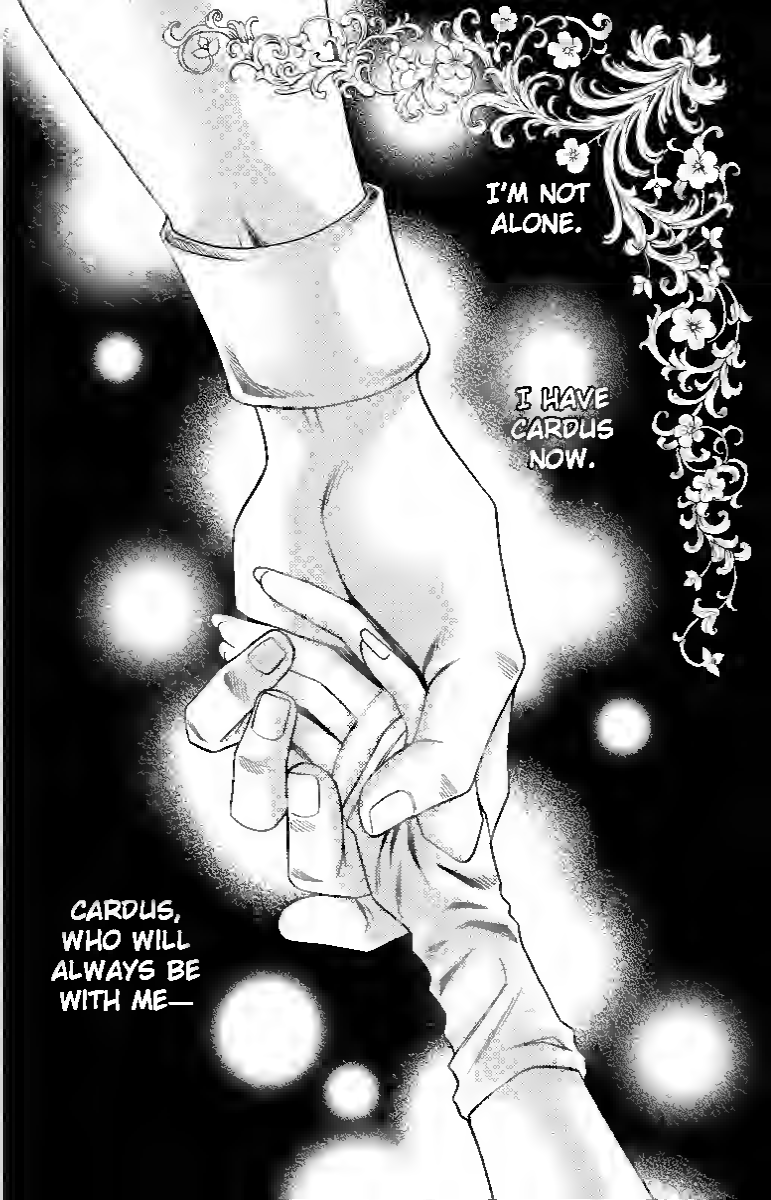

I'M NOT ALONE.
I HAVE CARDUS NOW.
CARDUS, WHO WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME—

CARDUS IS ALIVE.
HE'S SURE TO BE ON HIS WAY HERE.
HE HAS TO BE ALIVE—

GRAB
CARDUS...
YOUR...
RIGHT EYE.
IT'S BACK.

HE'S ALIVE.
SFX: FLASH
SFX: SHING
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG...?
HON-ESTLY...
SFX: BRUSH

I KNEW YOU'D COME, THOUGH.
SFX FWOOM X2
OF COURSE.

HOW CAN YOU BE..
SFX FWOOM
MY DEMONS..
SFX FLASH
SPIRITS, DESTROY THESE DEMONS!

SCREEE
SCREEE
SFX: FLAAAASH
THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU'LL GO.
WITH YOUR CREATURES DESTROYED, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO WIN.
NOW GIVE UP AND BEGONE, NECROMANCER.
IT'S NOT JUST A PERSON'S BIRTH INTO THIS WORLD ..
THEIR DEATH IS ALSO FATED

YOU'VE TWISTED YOUR FATE...
BY DEVOURING OTHERS' SOULS,
AND CONTINUING TO LIVE—
NO... NO.
NO! I—!
IS THAT THE KIND OF "LIVING" YOU'VE DREAMED OF?!

SFX: FWOOOM
NOW, CARDUS!
YEAH!
SFX: SPLASH
SFX BAM
SFX BAM
NO...

SFX
BOOM

SFX: FLASH
AH...
AHH...
AHHH...!

SFX: FLASH
SFX: FLASH

HE TURNED INTO... LIGHT...?
WHAT'S THIS?
SPLASH
IT'S SOUL.
THE RAGTONIA, HUH?
YEAH.
SOUL?
FROM HIM?
NO. IT'S A PORTION OF THE SPIRITS HE STOLE FROM PEOPLE.

THEY'RE RETURN-ING...
TO THE ONES THEY CAME FROM.

SFX: FSSSHHH X3
I...
WANTED...

I...
REALLY WANTED ...
A...
FRIEND...
BUT...
MY...
SORCERY...
COUGH
GRIP

WE SHOULD BURY HIM.
SURE.

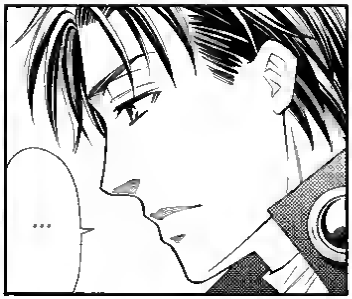
ザワ
ザワ
SFX: MURMUR X3
ザワ
CARDUS.
IT SEEMS THERE'S A VILLAGE NEARBY.
THE PEOPLE HE TRANS-FORMED INTO MONSTERS.
PROBABLY CAME FROM THERE.
WELL, THAT'S GOOD.

AND THAT ONE, TOO.
I WANTED TO GIVE HER A BREAK ANYWAY.
SHALL WE GO, FALNA?
WHAT'S WRONG?

HE...
NEVER WANTED TO BECOME WHAT HE WAS.
LIVING IN THAT RUIN OF A BODY.
THAT'S NOT WHY HE DID IT.
I...
MIGHT HAVE ENDED UP BECOMING JUST LIKE HIM.
IF...
I HADN'T FIRMLY BELIEVED YOU WOULD COME FOR ME...
"I'LL TEACH YOU A WAY TO CHEAT DEATH."
"I'LL TEACH YOU THE WORDS TO BECOME A NECROMANCER LIKE ME."

ANSWER ME ANSWER ME.
DARKNESS BLACK AS JET
PIERCE MY INFERIOR BEING.
OPEN A GATE TO THE PLACE OF EVIL
TO THINK THAT SUCH A POWERFUL SPELL CAN BE CAST IN JUST A FEW WORDS.
ALL IT WOULD TAKE IS A MOMENT.
THIS FEARFUL SPELL, WHICH TRANSFORMS PEOPLE INTO SOMETHING OTHER.
THE POWER OF DARKNESS
THE POWER OF DESPAIR. THE POWER OF EVIL.
SUBORDINATE THEM TO MY WILL AND STRENGTH

AND, THE THING HE WAS NEVER EVER ABLE TO GRASP—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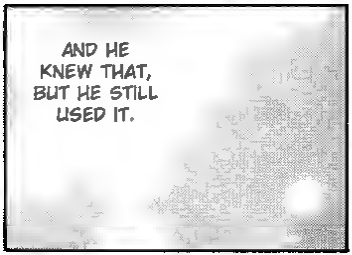
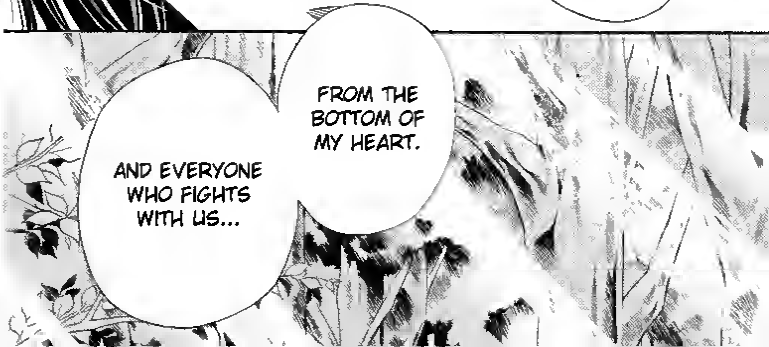

AND HE KNEW THAT, BUT HE STILL USED IT.

I'M GLAD I BELIEVED IN YOU...


FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
AND EVERYONE WHO FIGHTS WITH US...

CARDUS,
I'M SO GLAD I MET YOU...
HEY, HEY.
WHY ARE YOU SAYING THAT?
EVEN IF YOU'RE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE,
TUG
I'M THE ONE WHO'S BEEN SAVED.

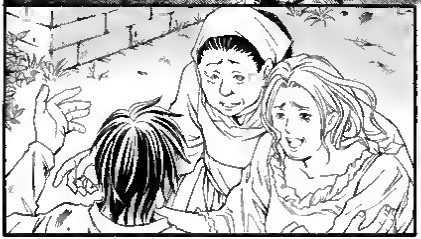
SQUEEZE
WHEN IT COMES TO TRAVELING PARTNERS,
I'M THE ONE WHO OUGHTA BE RELIEVED FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART.
ALL THAT'S LEFT...
IS YOUR LEGS.
WE'LL STICK TO-GETHER...
UNTIL THE END OF IT ALL.

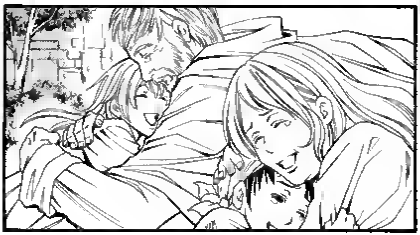
TO SEEK AN ESCAPE FROM THEM,
AND TO THINK THAT OTHER PEOPLE'S SOULS DON'T MATTER.
SFX: FLAP
TO THINK...
DEATH...
PAIN...
THAT CARING IS A MEANING-LESS HUMAN WEAKNESS
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A NECROMANCER

SFX: SLITHER X3
SO THEY MANAGED...
A COLLISION OF DARK AND LIGHT MAGIC...
TO VANQUISH A NECROMANCER
MUST BE LIESIAN
HOW INTERESTING
WHY DON'T WE GO TAKE A LOOK?
SFX: RUSTLE

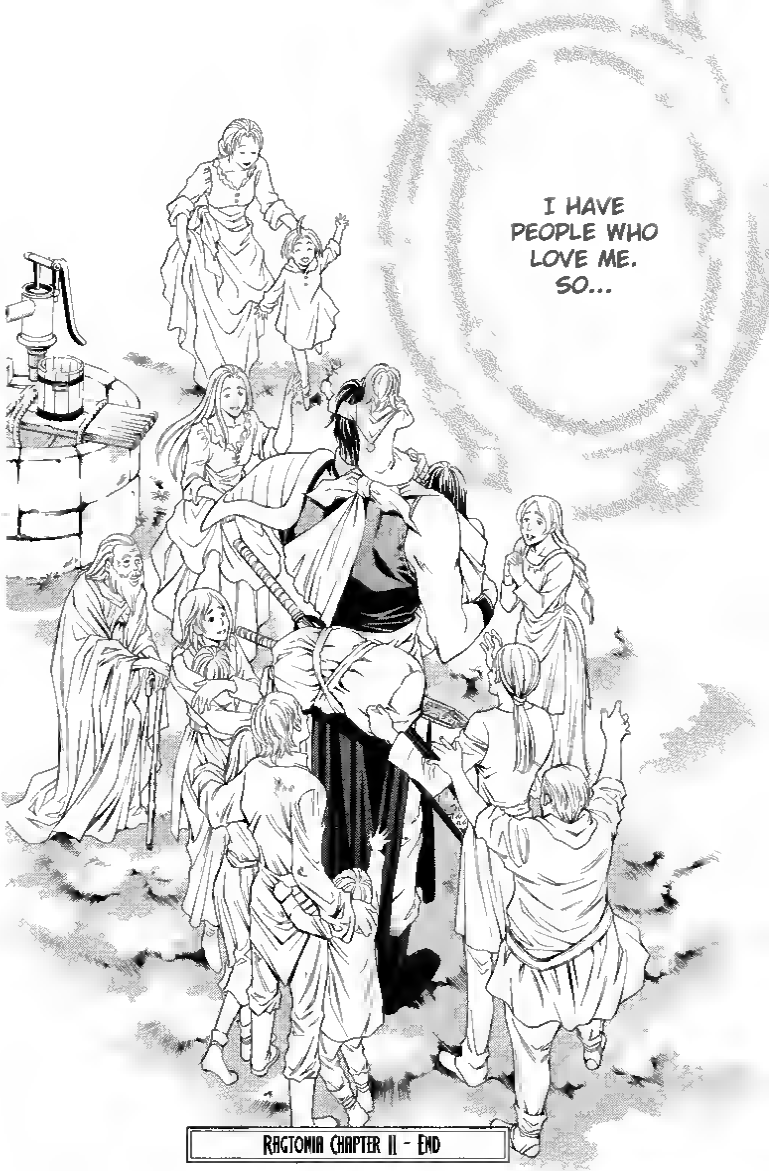
THESE NECRO-MANCERS...
DON'T YOU THINK...
THEY'RE VERY SAD?

SUCH LONELI-NESS.
IT'S DEPRESS-ING.





HAVE THE SMILING FACES OF OTHERS...



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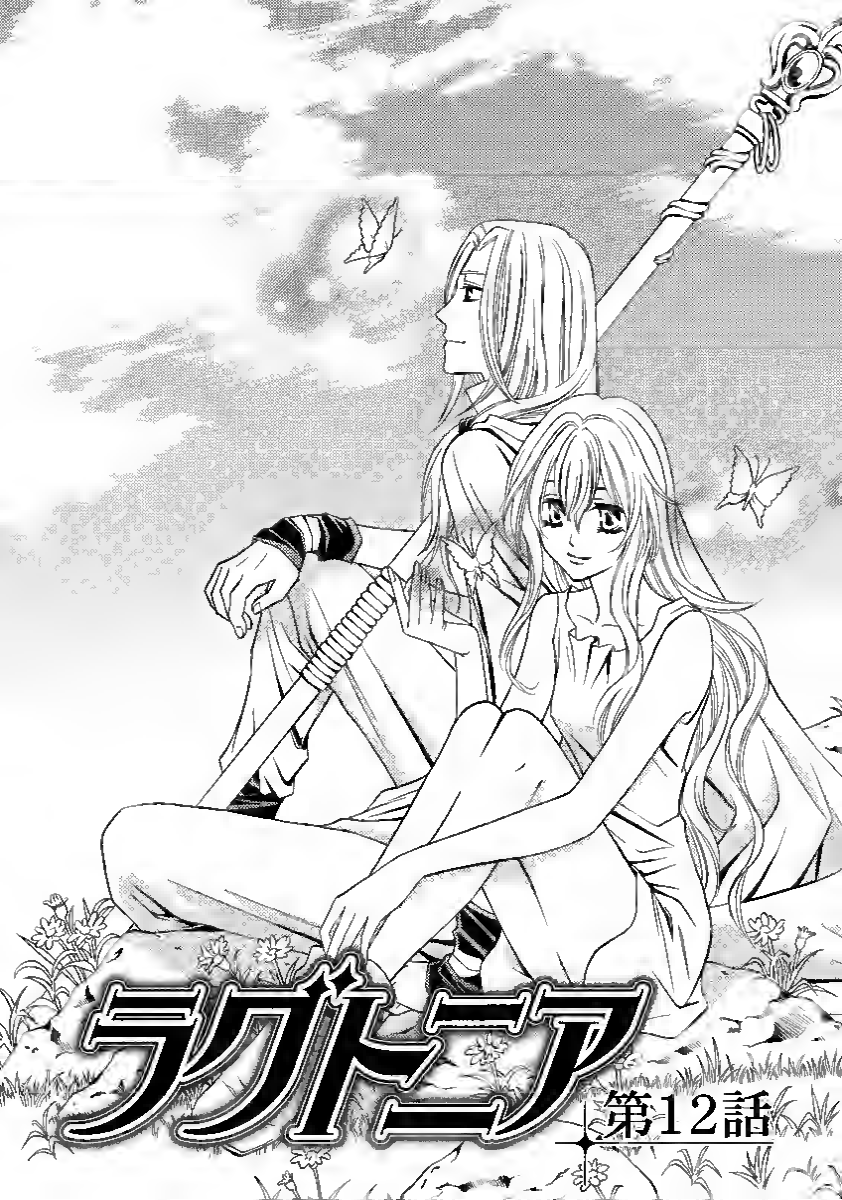
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PANT
YO, RANDI.

HOW IS SHE?
SHE'S FINE
HER WOUNDS WERE SHALLOW, FORTUNATELY.
SHE JUST HAS A FEVER, AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL.
IT'S NOTHING MAJOR.
ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING SHE WAS BATTLING THE NECROMANCER IN THAT CONDITION.
AS FOR HER LEGS...
THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE ALTOGETHER.
YEAH...
I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO STAY HERE FOR A WHILE.
YES. UNTIL SHE'S A LITTLE BETTER...

BUT SINCE HER WOUNDS AREN'T THAT BAD,
COULDN'T YOU JUST HEAL THEM WITH YOUR FAIRY MAGIC?
YOU KNOW, REAL QUICK?
WELL
IT'S NOT LIKE I COULDN'T HEAL WOUNDS THIS BAD.
HEY!
BUT I CAN'T DO THAT TO HER.
NOT WITH THE RAG-TONIA
THE POWER OF THE FAIRIES...
CAN'T AFFECT THOSE TINGED WITH DEMONIC MAGIC.
THE FEEL OF IT REPELS THEM
THAT'S PRECISELY WHY...
THEY FIGHT IT SO STRONGLY,
AND WHY THEY'RE OFTEN CALLED UPON BY PEOPLE TO FIGHT DEMONS.

THE FACT THAT I WANT TO HEAL HER...
IT DOESN'T EVEN MATTER.
AH, BY THE WAY.
WHERE'D SHE GO?
THAT NECRO-MANCER KID.
I STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK TO HER.
IF YOU MEAN MERYL, WE PLACED HER IN THE HOUSE OVER THERE
OF COURSE, WE HID THE FACT THAT SHE'S A NEC-ROMANCER.

ANYWAY, I GUESS I GOTTA THANK YOU.
FOR WHAT?
THANKS TO THAT, I WAS ABLE TO FULFILL MY PROMISE TO HER.
WHAT? FOR WAITING TO KILL HER, LIKE I ASKED.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M WAITING.
CHUNGE
BUT SHE DIDN'T SHOW ME ANY WEAKNESS, SO...
YOU REALLY ARE A KIND PERSON, YOU KNOW?
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?! I—
OKAY, OKAY.
AH. IS THIS IT?

HOW YOU FEELING?
YO!
YOU DON'T SEEM TOO ENERGETIC.
WHAT'S UP?
CARDUS
SHE WON'T LIVE MUCH LONGER.
WITHOUT THAT, SHE'S LEFT TO HER OWN POWERS.
SHE RETURNED THE LIFE FORCE SHE TOOK FROM YOU, CARDUS.

THANK YOU.
REALLY... YOUR PROMISE...
SORRY, BUT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT UNTIL FALNA'S WELL ENOUGH TO USE IT.
CAN YOU WAIT A LITTLE LONGER?
NOT UNTIL WE DEFEAT YOU WITH THE IGLIES.
I HAVEN'T FINISHED YET.
PAT
SURE...

HEY. WHAT ARE YOU... DON'T OVERDO IT!
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
...
THIS...
CAR-DUS.
WHENEVER YOU'RE OUT-SIDE YOUR VALLEY, YOU HAVE TO WEAR...
OKAY, I GET IT.
I WANT YOU TO TAKE IT
YOU'VE BEEN CARRYING THIS THING AROUND WITH YOU?
FLOP
SO...
HEY!

MAN, SHE'S REALLY WIPED OUT.
RANDI, CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING?
I KNOW THAT, BUT—
I TOLD YOU ALREADY. THE FAIRIES DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO DO ANYTHING AGAINST NECROMANCY.
AT THIS RATE, SHE WON'T LAST...
UNTIL FALNA IS BETTER.
THERE'S *NOTHING* I CAN DO.
HEY!

THE VILLAGE WHERE I LIVED WAS AFFLICTED WITH A TERRIBLE DISEASE.
BOTH OF MY PARENTS FELL ILL,
SO I RESEARCHED UNTIL I FOUND A WAY TO HEAL THEM.
BUT AFTER THAT, EVERYONE CALLED ME A NECROMANCER,
AND WAS AFRAID OF ME.
SHE...
DIDN'T BECOME A NECROMANCER FOR HER OWN SAKE.

SHE'S JUST A GIRL...
ALL THE SAME—
WHO FELL INTO MAGIC OUT OF FEAR.
I WAS HAPPY.
HAS SAID MY NAME.
IT'S BEEN TWO HUNDRED YEARS SINCE ANYBODY...
AT THIS RATE, SHE'LL FALL INTO THE DEMON REALM.
CARDUS WON'T BE ABLE TO PURIFY HER WITH THE IGLIES.
I...
CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

IF YOU'RE THAT WORRIED,
WHY DON'T YOU HELP HER A LITTLE?
ALL I CAN DO IS WATCH.

SORRY I KNOW YOU PREPARED A ROOM FOR ME AND ALL.
I'LL BE FINE
WON'T YOU BE COLD? YOU CAN'T START A FIRE OUT HERE.
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO SLEEP OUT HERE?
CHIME
CHIME
BUT THIS IS BETTER.
I SEE. WELL, SO LONG AS IT'S WHAT YOU WANT IT'S OKAY WITH ME.
AFTER ALL, THE TWO OF YOU ARE THE SAVIORS OF THIS VILLAGE.
IF SHE CALLS OUT FOR ME, I CAN ANSWER HER STRAIGHT AWAY.
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU NEED, JUST LET ME KNOW.
YEAH. THANKS.

AH.
I CAN SEE MY CASTLE.
AND THE SOLDIERS.

WHY DO I HAVE...
TO REMEMBER...?
WHY?
FLAP
WHAT IS HE—

AM I NOT JUST DREAMING OF WHAT HAPPENED...?
IT'S HIM!
WHY AM I...
BUT...
THAT'S...

CARDUS!

CARDUS!
AH...
CARDUS!
WHY...
AH...
WHY WERE YOU...
WHY...?!

SFX WHAM

WAS IT A DREAM?
PANT
PANT
HIS ARMS.
WERE YOU HAVING A NIGHT-MARE?
WHAT'S UP, FALNA?
CARDUS...
NO.
IT WASN'T.
CARDUS...
THERE'S NO WAY.
CARDUS...

ANYWAY, CALM DOWN AND GO BACK TO SLEEP.
IF YOU MOVE TOO MUCH, YOUR WOUNDS WILL GET WORSE
WHAT COULD HAVE SCARED HER THIS MUCH?
GRIP
HEY.
FALNA
WELL, OKAY THEN.

LET'S TAKE A LITTLE WALK UNTIL YOU FEEL BETTER.
THAT'S RIGHT, FALNA.
THAT WAS...

WHY ON EARTH ARE YOU GETTING SO WORKED UP ABOUT A DREAM?
HONESTLY
I MEAN, YOU FACE DOWN DEMONS WITHOUT EVEN BATTING AN EYE
I KNOW IT WASN'T.
AREN'T YOU COLD?
IT WASN'T JUST A DREAM.
IT HAS TO HAVE BEEN...
CARDUS'S FUTURE...
CARDUS
I HAVE A REQUEST...

END YOUR JOURNEY NOW.
WHEN DID YOU SWITCH PERSONALITIES AGAIN...?
HUH?
PLEASE.
BUT YOU'VE SAVED MY LIFE NOW.
AH. SURE THAT MIGHT HAPPEN, I GUESS
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I ALREADY TOLD YOU, I'D STICK WITH YOU UNTIL THE END.
YOU CANNOT.
I CAN'T THINK ABOUT GOING BACK AFTER THAT.
Ha ha ha.
STOP, PLEASE!
IF YOU DO, YOU MIGHT DIE.
YOU MUSTN'T.

See?
THROB
THROB
!
HEY, HEY. DON'T MAKE SUCH A FUSS...
I SAID NO! NO NO NO! YOU CAN'T!
NO, CARDUS.
SO DON'T WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT IT.
NOT THAT I PLAN ON DOING IT WITHOUT A FIGHT.
IT'LL BE FINE. I'VE RESIGNED MYSELF TO DYING FROM THE START.
I HAVE TO GO ALONE FROM HERE ON OUT.
NO.
PLOP

BACK THEN...
THERE WERE THESE TWO GUYS WITH WINGS.
WHAT?
YOU HEARD IT, RIGHT?
FALNA...
WINGS...
"HE MUST PAY FOR HIS SINS!"
IS HE TALKING ABOUT THE JUDGES?

THE SOULS OF THOSE HE HAS MURDERED ARE—
I...
KILLED SO MANY PEOPLE I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW.
BUT ONLY 8 PROTECTED IT...
JUST EIGHT PEOPLE. BUT WE SHED THE BLOOD OF SO MANY TOGETHER. THAT'S HOW IT WAS IN THE VALLEY.
THE VILLAGE WHERE I LIVE,
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THREATENED BY ATTACKS.

WHEN I WAS THIRTEEN, I BECAME ONE OF THE PROTECTORS OF THE VILLAGE.
FROM THEN ON...
TO PROTECT THOSE I CARED FOR,
I KILLED AN UNCOUNTABLE NUMBER OF ENEMY SOLDIERS...
NO. AN UNCOUNTABLE NUMBER OF HUMAN BEINGS.

IT WAS JUST BECAUSE OF MY BIRTHPLACE.
AND I UNDERSTOOD THE ENEMY'S POINT OF VIEW,
BUT EVEN KNOWING THAT I KILLED SO MANY OF THEM.
CARDUS ...
THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON I AM
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE CLOSE TO ME BECAUSE OF IT, I UNDERSTAND
BUT IF YOU THINK YOU COULD FORGIVE ME,
WON'T YOU LET ME TRAVEL WITH YOU UNTIL THE END?
THIS TIME,
I WANT TO SAVE THEM.

THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE OUTSIDE MY VALLEY.
FALNA.
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.
I...
THAT'S WHY.
THAT'S WHY I—
BUT... IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO YOU, CARDUS,
CARDUS...
IS KINDER THAN ANYONE I'VE EVER KNOWN.
IT'S NOT THAT I HATE YOU..
I CAN'T CONCEIVE OF IT.

WHAT...?
JUST TELL ME TO STAY ALIVE, IF THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
IF YOU TELL ME TO SURVIVE,
I'LL DEFINITELY DO IT.
JUST TELL ME "DON'T DIE,"
AND SOME-HOW, I'LL FIND AWAY TO DO IT.
IF YOU ASK THAT OF ME,
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

STAY ALIVE...
GRAB
CARDUS ...
STAY ALIVE.
YOU HAVE TO.
YOU HAVE TO.

PLEASE STAY ALIVE.
YEAH.
IT'S A PROMISE.

AFTER IT'S ALL OVER,
I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU TO SEE MY VALLEY.
IT'S A GOOD PLACE.
EVERYONE'S CHEERFUL THERE.
I'D LIKE TO...
WE CAN GO VISIT MY COUNTRY, TOO.
IT'S VERY BEAUTIFUL.
AND THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE THERE ARE BEAUTIFUL, TOO.

SO IF I NEVER GET BETTER, THEN
WE WILL.
WE WILL.
AFTER EVERY-THING IS BETTER,
WE'LL DEFINITELY GO BACK TO THOSE PLACES.
AFTER MY INJURIES HAVE HEALED,
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO AVOID THAT DAY I DREAMED.
IT'S NOT JUST MY HEAD OR MY HEART.
SOMETHING INSIDE MY BODY INSISTS WE WON'T.
IT'S FATED THAT DANGER...

WE...
DEFINITELY WILL.
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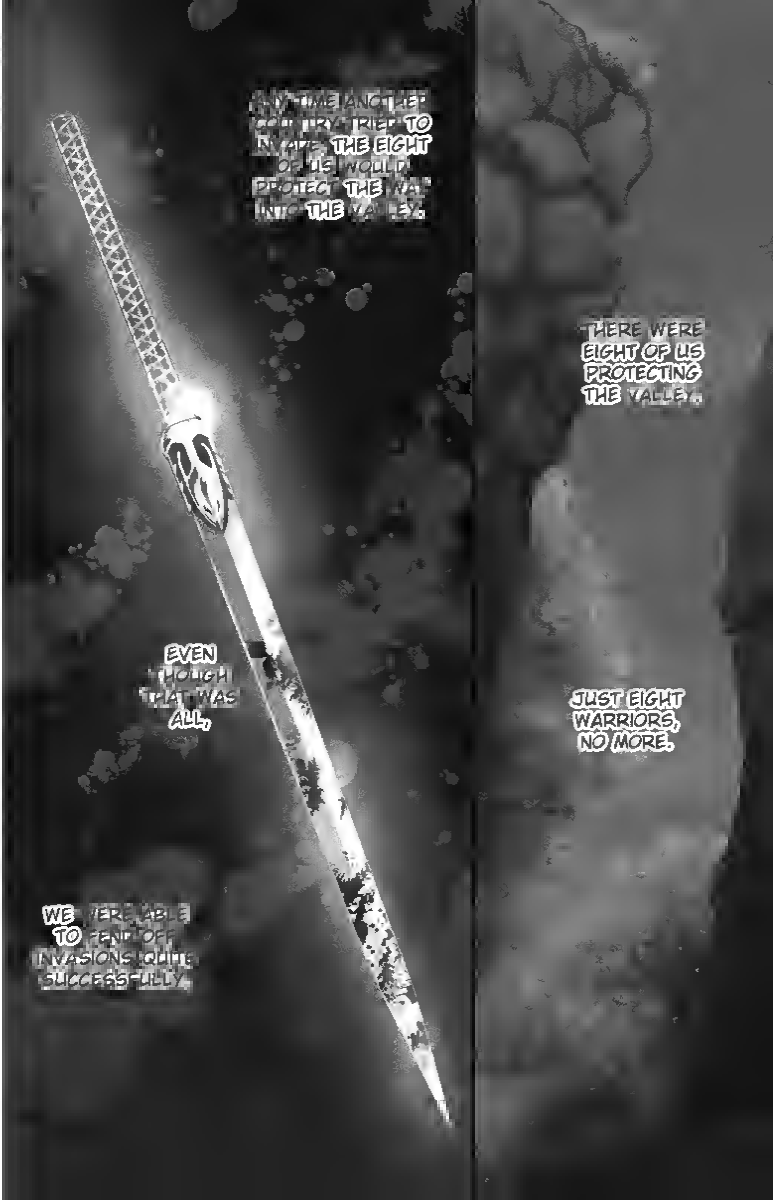

ANY TIME ANOTHER COUNTRY TRIED TO INVADE, THE EIGHT OF US WOULD PROTECT THE WAY INTO THE VALLEY.
THERE WERE EIGHT OF US PROTECTING THE VALLEY.
EVEN THOUGH THAT WAS ALL,
JUST EIGHT WARRIORS, NO MORE.
WE WERE ABLE TO FEND OFF INVASIONS QUITE SUCCESSFULLY.

SFX: CLANG
HEY.
HEY...
AAH!
AAAH!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
CLANG
CLANG

HA HA!
NOT BAD.
BUT...
!
SWOOSH
SFX: WHAM
ACK.
NOT GOOD ENOUGH.
YOUR SWORD-PLAY'S TOO LIGHT!

YOU'RE TRYING TO GET BY USING JUST YOUR BODY
YOU'RE STILL SO GREEN,
CARDUS!
OW...
SIGH
HOW SPLENDID
YOU TRULY HAVE NATURAL ABILITY.
I CAN SEE WHY THE GUARDIANS CHOSE YOU, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE JUST A CHILD

AND THAT BODY OF HIS...
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE HE'S ONLY TWELVE!
ONCE HE'S GROWN TO ADULTHOOD UNDER OUR TUTELAGE,
HE'LL MAKE AN EXCELLENT GUARDIAN.
YES.
HE'LL REPLACE US, AGED AS WE ARE...
I FEAR WE'RE TOO OLD TO PROTECT THE VALLEY PROPERLY IN THE NEXT BATTLE...
CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP
ALL THE SAME,
IT'S A HARSH FATE...
PEEP PEEP

FOR SUCH...
A KIND YOUTH...
SPLASH
SPLASH
SIGH...
RUSTLE

HEY, CARDUS!
I HEAR EIRE WAS YOUR PARTNER TODAY?
LOOKS LIKE HE THRASHED YOU GOOD!
YEAH... I'M COMPLETELY OUT OF ENERGY...
I SEE, I SEE.
SNEAK SNEAK
SIGH
YOU REALLY ARE PUNY, HUH?
LISTEN TO YOU.
WHAM
LOOK.
HUH?
SHOULDN'T YOU FIGHT A LITTLE MORE?
AAH! HEY...
SPLASH
BADH...
COUCH COUCH
BUBBLE BUBBLE

COUGH
COUGH
COME ON, YOU GOTTA AT LEAST PUT A LITTLE EFFORT INTO IT...
UH...
COUGH
...
BLUB
WHAT? IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?
...
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
AW CRAP...
...
CARDUS ...?
HUH?
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
HMM...
I guess I overdid it.
COUGH
//I thought I was gonna die...
COUGH
COUGH
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU DON'T HAVE THE POWER.
ANYWAY, HOW COME YOU'RE SO WEAK?

AFTER ALL,
IF YOU WERE TO REALLY FIGHT...
IS IT...
THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A GUARDIAN?
...
SASHA
BADH..
BEFORE YOU WERE CHOSEN TO BE A GUARDIAN...
WASN'T THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANTED TO BE?

I...
AH...
I'D BE EMBARRASSED TO EVEN THINK IT THESE DAYS.
WHAT WAS IT?
HUH? ME?
WELL.. I GUESS THERE WAS SOMETHING, YEAH.
LIKE MY DEAD FATHER.
JUST WANT TO BE A LUMBERJACK,
I'D CUT ENOUGH TREES TO KEEP EVERYBODY ALIVE,
AND WOULD JUST LIVE QUIETLY EVERY DAY...
CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP
PEEP PEEP
SURROUNDED BY PEACEFUL ANIMALS,
SPENDING EVERY DAY TAKING IN THE FOREST...

BEING A GUARDIAN...
IT'S COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME, BADH...
KILLING ALL THOSE PEOPLE,
EVEN IF THEY ARE OUR ENEMIES...
EVEN ENEMIES HAVE FAMILIES.
I FEEL SORRY FOR THEM.
CARDUS...
...

DO YOU KNOW?
THE REASON THIS VALLEY..
HAS ALWAYS BEEN ATTACKED FROM BOTH SIDES..
IS THE ONLY PASSAGE...
THROUGH THESE ENORMOUS MOUNTAINS
THIS VALLEY,
THEY'RE SO IMPASSABLE,
THAT THEY CAN'T EASILY BE CLIMBED.

ALL THE SAME THE COUNTRIES ON BOTH SIDES OF US...
HAVE LONG DISPUTED THE OTHER'S RIGHT TO IT'S DOMAIN.
THAT'S WHY THEY ALL TRY...
TO USE THIS VALLEY AS A PATH THROUGH TO THE OTHER SIDE
A PATH THROUGH ...
SO WHY DON'T WE JUST LET THEM PASS...
WHACK
FOOL!
OW.

IF WE LET EITHER OF THEM THROUGH,
JUST THINK HOW MANY PEOPLE ON THE OTHER SIDE WOULD DIE.
THE PEOPLE IN THIS VALLEY...
PROTECT UNTOLD NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO'LL NEVER KNOW IT.
THAT'S WHY...
CRUNCH
WE CAN'T LET THEM PASS.

OUR BODIES .
JUST 8 PEOPLE,
HOLD A POWER UNMATCHED BY ALL THOSE PEOPLE
WE ARE LIKE FANGS AND CLAWS
THAT'S ALL WE REQUIRE. A SMALL NUMBER.
EVEN IF IT NEVER IN-CREASES...

THE FIGHT TO PROTECT PEOPLE'S LIVES...
HAS, FROM ANCIENT TIMES, BEEN THE ONLY WORTHY FIGHT.
THAT'S...
WHY WE HAVE TO BECOME FANGS...

CHIRP CHIRP
PEEP PEEP
SO THAT PEOPLE CAN KEEP LIVING
BADH...
I'M JUST TOO DIFFERENT FROM YOU.
CHIRP CHIRP
I'M LIKE THE ROOT OF A TREE.
NOTHING IN ME HAS ANY WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT...
I COULD NEVER...
BECOME A STRONG PERSON LIKE YOU.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE A GUARDIAN.
CHIRP CHIRP

HEY, YOU WEAK-LING!
WE'RE GONNA THRASH YOU GOOD TODAY!
WAVE
WAVE
CUT IT OUT, BADH.
YOU'RE SO VULGAR.
BADH.
I.
I REALLY...
HUH?
SOMETHING THE MATTER, CARDUS?
TRAAAAA

SFX: SPIN
THE ALARM HORN!
EN-EMIES ...
SFX: DASH
SFX: TRAAAA-TA!AAAAAAA
BADH,
EIRE...

RAAAH!
...!
...!
STOMP
ANYONE WHO FLEES WILL NOT BE FOLLOWED!

IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES,
LEAVE THIS VALLEY!
RAAH!
AAA
AAE!

CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

I'M SORRY
I'M SO SORRY...
WE WILL SEE TO YOUR WOUNDS AT ONCE
YOU HAVE PROTECTED US WELL, GUARDIANS.
THANK YOU.
I'M SORRY...
IT'S ONLY THANKS TO YOU, THAT WE'RE ALIVE.
BADH.
EIRE.
THEY'RE NOT HERE.

SORRY
I WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO BRING HIM HERE...
BADH, AND EIRE...
GODOUL!
EIRE IS SEARCHING FOR HIM NOW.
GASP
CARDUS!

UGH ...
BADH!
BADH!
EIRE!
THERE ARE DOZENS... NO, HUNDREDS...
AND ALL THIS WITH JUST EIGHT PEOPLE.

SFX : RUSTLE X3
THAT SWORD!
!
BADH!
BADH!

SFX: RUSTLE
HUH?
CARDUS
THAT YOU, CARDUS?
UGH...
HE'S ALIVE!
BADH.
YOU CAN TELL ALL OF US LATER!
HEY, LISTEN
NO, BADH.
HA HA.
IT'S YOU, CARDUS.
SFX: THRUST
PLEASE ...
IT'S SO STUPID...
I'M BEG-GING YOU.
BADH!
IF I TELL YOU, YOU PROMISE NOT TO TELL ANYONE?
HEY.

I...
WANTED TO...
BE A SHEP-HERD...
TO WATCH OVER...
SOFT.. AND WARM...
SHEEP..
BLEATING CALMLY..
SO CUTE...
ALL I EVER WANTED WAS TO GROW OLD...
WHILE WATCHING OVER THEM.

I EVER...
THAT WAS... ALL...
TO HELP TURN THEIR WOOL...
INTO CLOTHES TO KEEP PEOPLE WARM...
BADH...
BA...

WEREN'T STRONG AT ALL.
HA HA...
YOU...
NOBODY...
IS STRONG LIKE THAT.

...
...
BUT EVEN SO, YOU...
...
OH.
CAR...
DUS...
THRUST

I UNDERSTAND, BADH.
ALL THE PEOPLE YOU PROTECTED...
...!
ARE LIKE SHEEP.
...
AND GIVING THEM THEIR LIVES...
IS HOW YOU CLOTHED THEM WARMLY.
THAT'S WHY YOU WERE ABLE TO FIGHT.
IT'S OKAY, BADH.
YOU ALL...
PROTECTED THE VALLEY

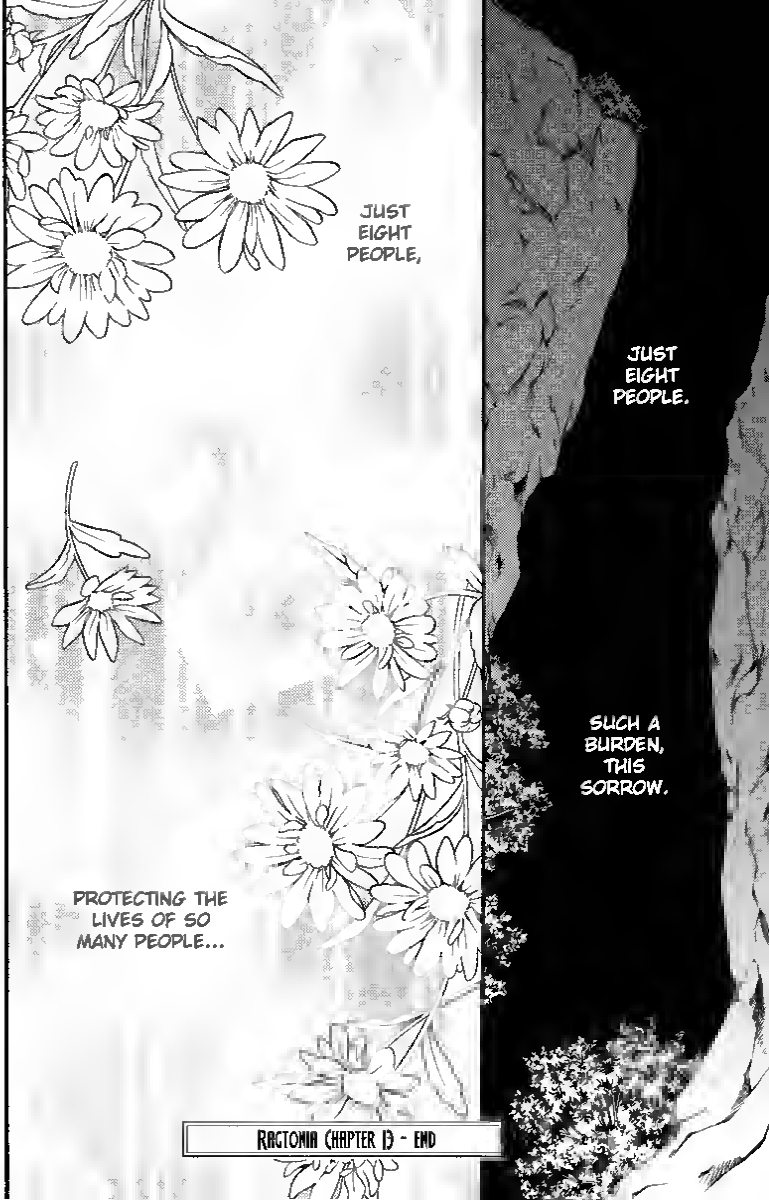
I, TOO, WILL BECOME LIKE A FANG,
SO THAT EVERYONE CAN GO ON LIVING.

ONE YEAR LATER.
...!
...
AGAIN!
WE WON'T GIVE UP!
THIS TIME WE'LL DEFEAT YOU!
BLACK-CLAD GUARD-IANS...
OF THE VALLEY!
ANYONE WHO FLEES WILL NOT BE FOLLOWED.
STOMP

IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, *LEAVE* THIS VALLEY IN PEACE.

SFX
RAAAAH!
...!
RAAAAAH!
WITH ONE SWORD STROKE,
I'LL SEVER THESE MEN FROM THEIR FAMILIES,
THEIR FRIENDS,
FROM AN UNKNOWABLE NUMBER OF SPRING NIGHTS.
IT MAKES ME WANT TO CRY.

I WILL BECOME ONE OF THIS VALLEY'S EIGHT GUARDIANS.


JUST EIGHT PEOPLE,
JUST EIGHT PEOPLE.
SUCH A BURDEN, THIS SORROW.
PROTECTING THE LIVES OF SO MANY PEOPLE...
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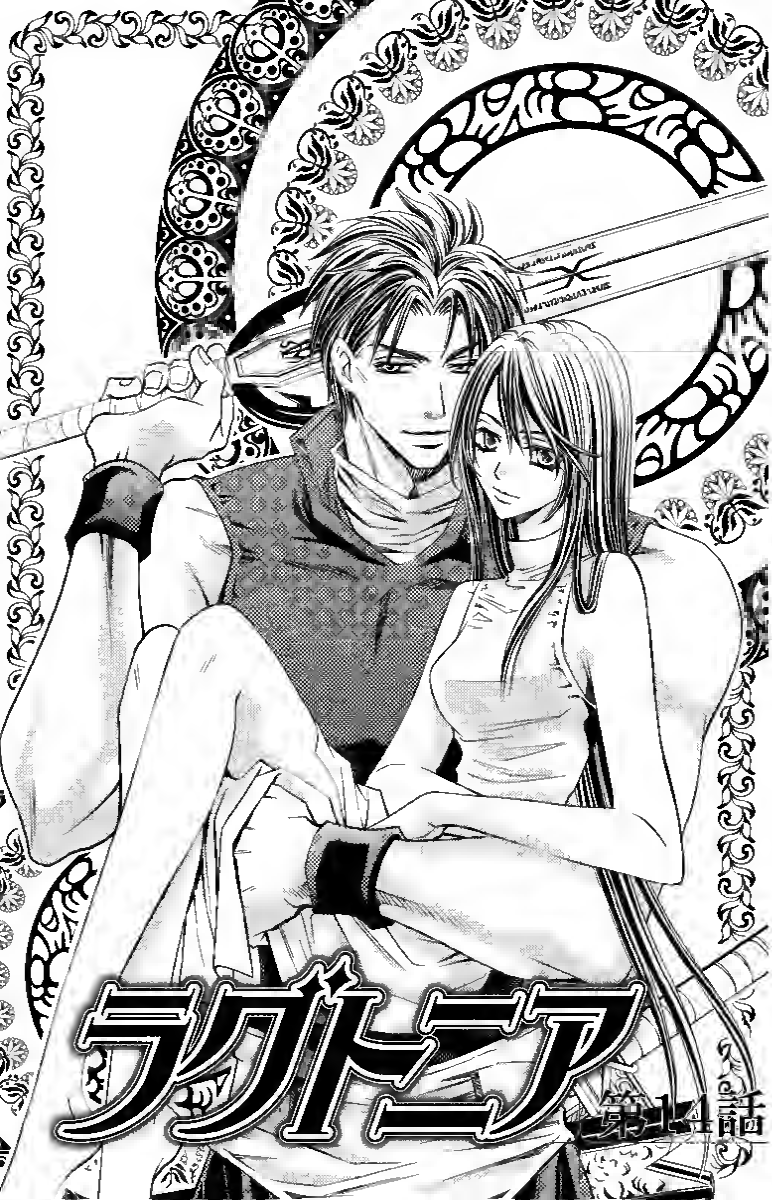
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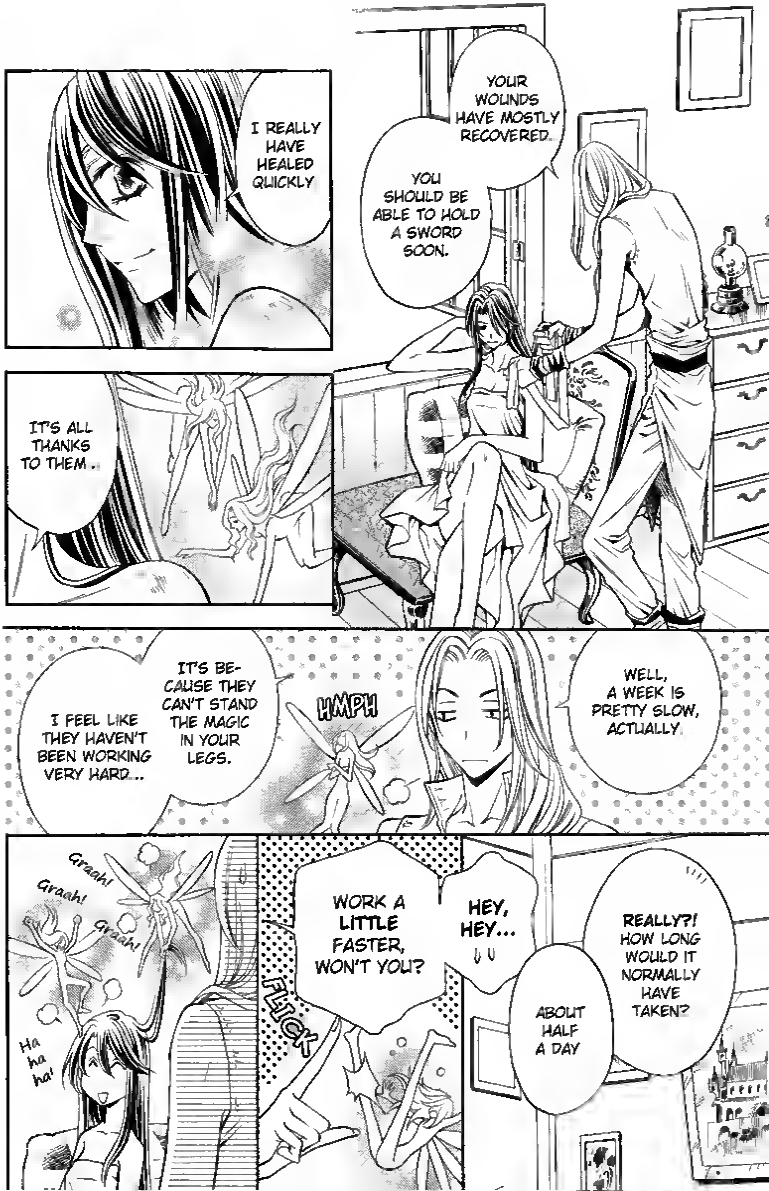
HEY,
HERE WE GO!
SFX: TOSS
EEE EE!

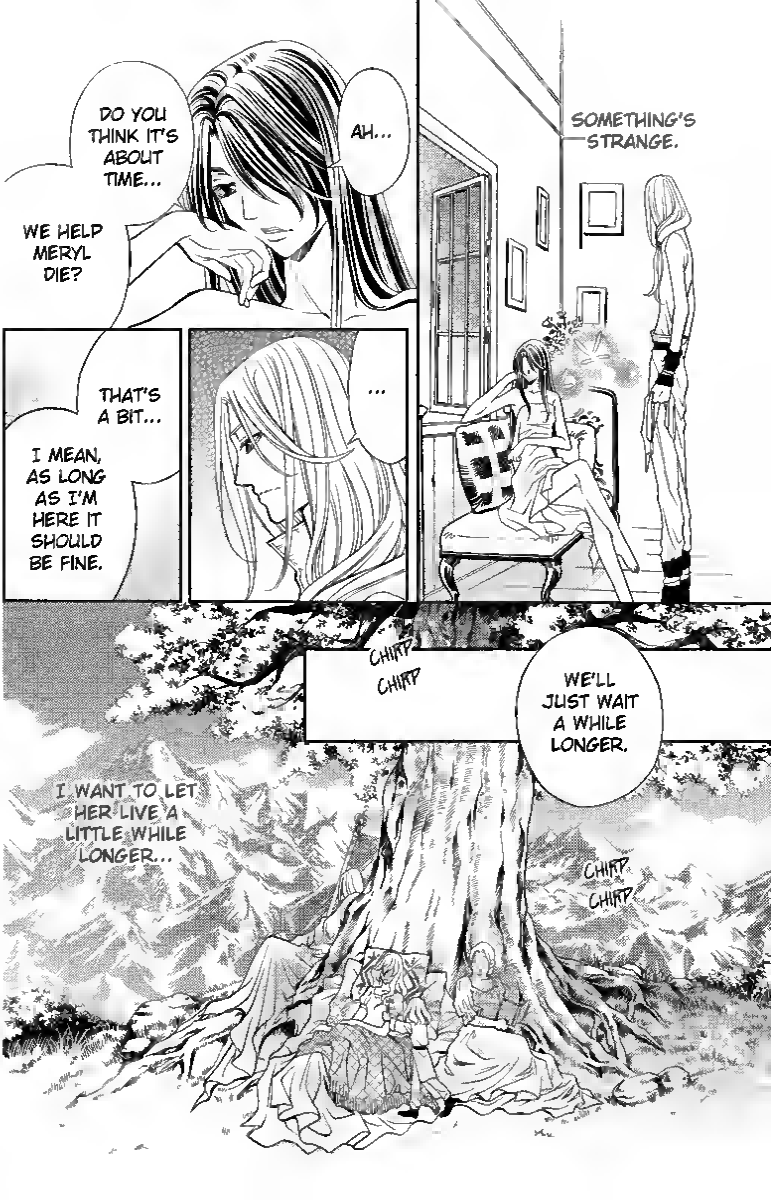
ME TOO! ME TOO!
CAR-DUS! DO ME NEXT!
CAN YOU HELP ME OUT WITH THIS SICK SHEEP?
CAR-DUS!
I'M SORRY TO ASK SO MUCH OF YOU.
SURE, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

HE'S BECOME QUITE WELL-KNOWN IN THE VILLAGE HERE,
HASN'T HE?
IT WAS THE SAME IN HIS HOME TOWN
CARDUS IS WELL-LOVED WHEREVER HE GOES.
I SEE...
IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR FRIENDS,
WE HAD TO KILL UNTOLD NUMBERS OF PEOPLE.

EVEN THOUGH I ALWAYS WISHED WE DIDN'T HAVE TO KILL THEM...
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE WAS WHERE THEY'D BEEN BORN.
MY COUNTRY—AND THIS PEACEFUL COUNTRY AS WELL...
THEY ALWAYS FOUGHT ENDLESS WARS OVER TERRITORY.
BUT THEN,
THAT POWERFUL NECROMANCER APPEARED...
SINCE THAT TIME, BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN LIVING IN FEAR OF HIM,
AND ARE JUST HOLDING THEIR BREATH TO SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN.
HOW IRONIC...


YOUR WOUNDS HAVE MOSTLY RECOVERED.
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD A SWORD SOON.
I REALLY HAVE HEALED QUICKLY
IT'S ALL THANKS TO THEM.
WELL, A WEEK IS PRETTY SLOW, ACTUALLY.
HMPH
IT'S BE-CAUSE THEY CAN'T STAND THE MAGIC IN YOUR LEGS.
I FEEL LIKE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN WORKING VERY HARD...
REALLY?! HOW LONG WOULD IT NORMALLY HAVE TAKEN?
ABOUT HALF A DAY
HEY, HEY...
WORK A LITTLE FASTER, WON'T YOU?
FLICK
Graah!
Graah!
Graah!
Ha ha ha!

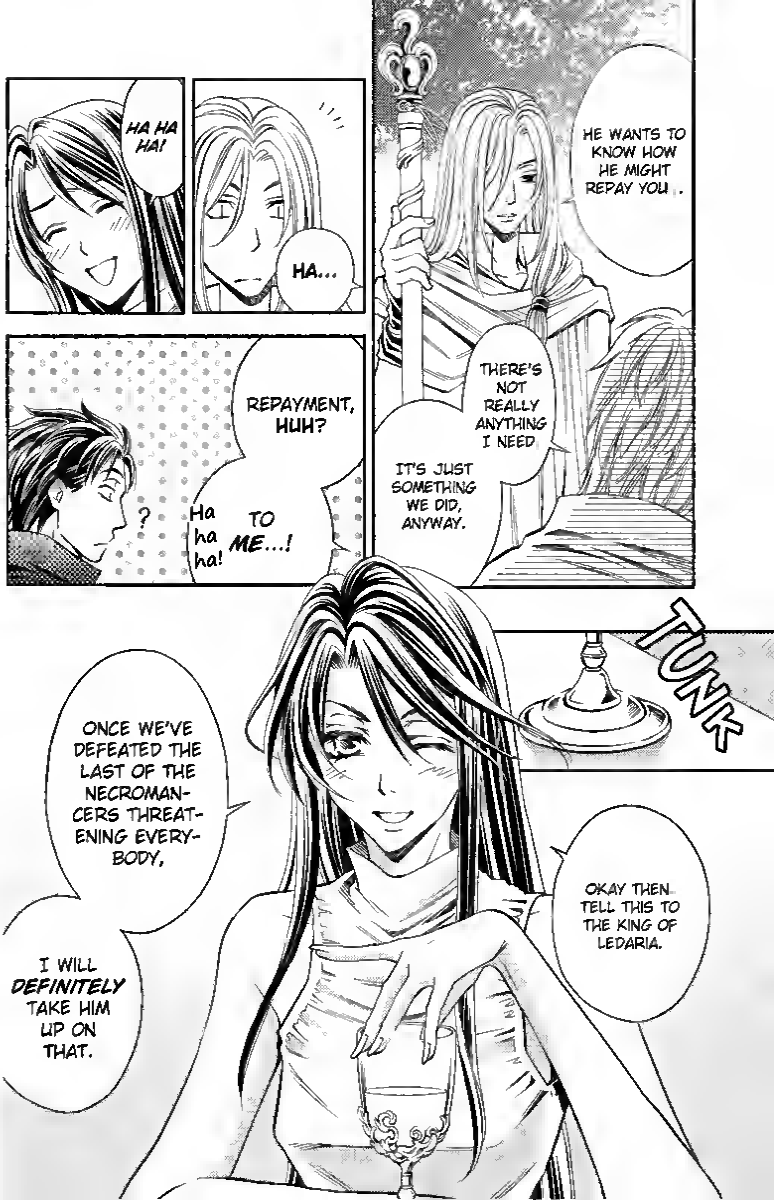
BUT I'M GRATEFUL.
WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE ENEMY MIGHT APPEAR.
THE NECRO-MANCER WHO STOLE YOUR LEGS, HUH?
IS HE CLOSE?
AH. WELL.
I CAN'T REALLY TELL.
WHAT ...?
BEFORE, IF HE EVEN MOVED SLIGHTLY CLOSER,
I COULD TELL STRAIGHT AWAY.
BUT NOW...
I REALLY CAN'T TELL AT ALL, FOR SOME REASON...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS.

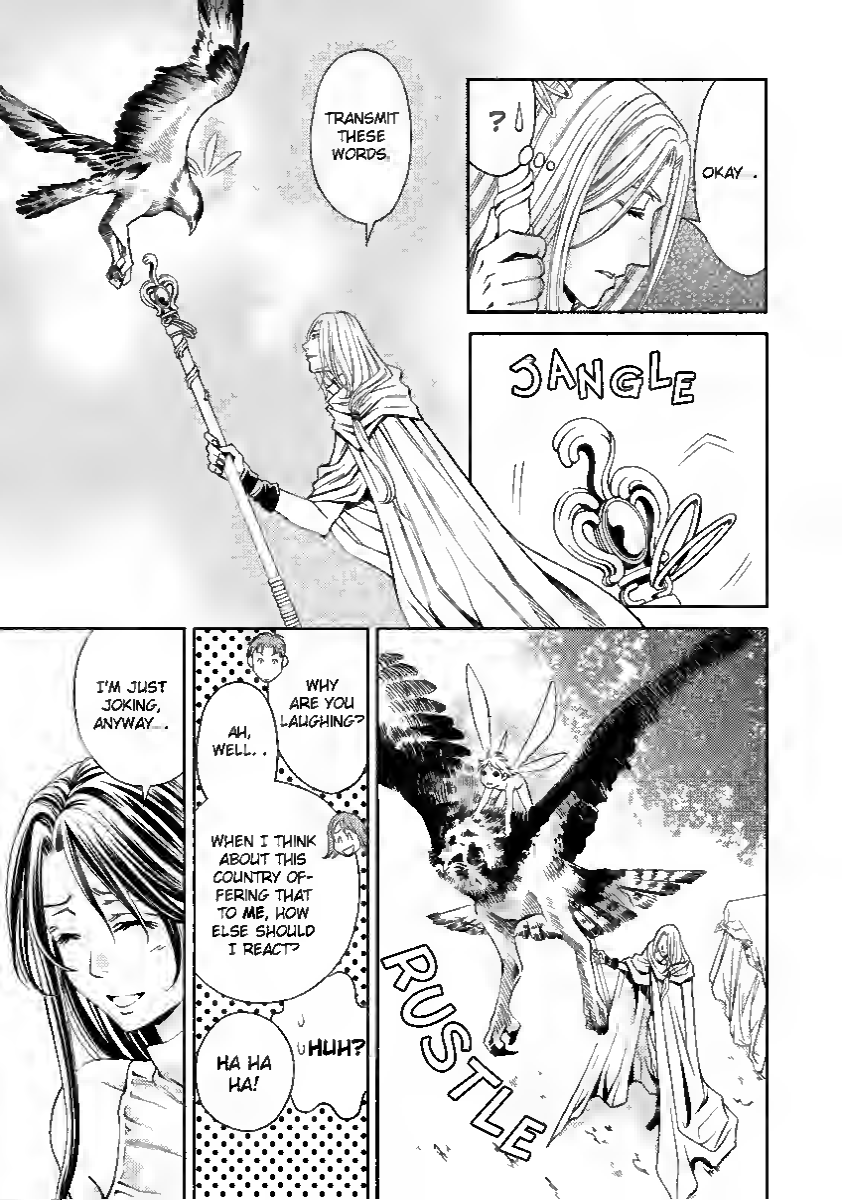

DO YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME...
WE HELP MERYL DIE?
AH...
SOMETHING'S STRANGE.
THAT'S A BIT...
I MEAN, AS LONG AS I'M HERE IT SHOULD BE FINE.
...
CHIRP CHIRP
WE'LL JUST WAIT A WHILE LONGER.
I WANT TO LET HER LIVE A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...
CHIRP CHIRP

SHOVE
TO LET HER EXPERIENCE PEACE AT LEAST FOR A SHORT WHILE...
AND...

I WANT US AS WELL, FOR A MOMENT...
JUST FOR A MOMENT...
JUST A SHORT WHILE...

FROM THIS COUNTRY'S KING?
YES.
THE CASTLE'S FAIRY-USER SENT ME THE MESSAGE.
HUH. THEY HAVE A FAIRY-USER IN THEIR CASTLE?
YES. THE FAIRY-USERS IN THIS COUNTRY
HAVE ALL BEEN CONSCRIPTED BY THE KING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE NECROMANCER.
IT SEEMS THAT THE KING WISHES TO CONVEY HIS SINCERE THANKS TO YOU BOTH...
FOR RESCUING THE CITIZENS OF HIS COUNTRY.


HE WANTS TO KNOW HOW HE MIGHT REPAY YOU.
THERE'S NOT REALLY ANYTHING I NEED.
IT'S JUST SOMETHING WE DID, ANYWAY.
REPAYMENT, HUH?
Ha ha ha!
TO ME...!
?
HA...
HA HA HA!
TUNK
OKAY THEN. TELL THIS TO THE KING OF LEDARIA.
ONCE WE'VE DEFEATED THE LAST OF THE NECROMANCERS THREATENING EVERYBODY,
I WILL DEFINITELY TAKE HIM UP ON THAT.


TRANSMIT THESE WORDS.
?
OKAY.
JANGLE
I'M JUST JOKING, ANYWAY...
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?
AH, WELL..
WHEN I THINK ABOUT THIS COUNTRY OFFERING THAT TO ME, HOW ELSE SHOULD I REACT?
HA HA HA!
HUH?
RUSTLE

GUBUNP
WHAT IS IT, FALNA?
SHING
I CAN FEEL A DEMON.
CHIRP CHIRP
PEEP PEEP
IT'S LIKE A MOUNTAIN.
AND COMING CLOSER
AND...

THIS IS...
CARDUS!
IT'S HIM!
MY ENEMY...

THRUST
THE NECRO-MANCER IS COMING!
INTO YOUR HOUSES!
QUICK-LY!
HEY, THIS IS KINDA SUDDEN, DON'T YOU THINK...?
HOW COULD I NOT NOTICE?
HE'S GOTTEN SO CLOSE ALREADY...!

SLITHER
CARDUS! THERE...!
EEK!
A GIGANTIC DEMON...?
THIS IS...
NO... THAT'S NOT IT. THIS IS...
SLITHER
SPURT
SFX
SLITHER X3

SFX:
SLITHER

SFX
SCREEEEEEE

SFX SCREEEEEE
HE HID HIS AURA INSIDE A DEMON UNTIL HE WAS CLOSE ENOUGH?
SO, FALNA...
THIS IS YOUR ENEMY...

I WAS WONDERING WHO ON EARTH THE LIEJIAN MIGHT BE ..
AND NOW, FINALLY ...
SINCE THAT DAY,
IT'S BEEN... SO LONG. SO, SO LONG...
SO IT'S YOU...
PRINCESS...
OF FALSHA.

WHAT?
I'M GLAD YOU REMEMBER ME
FALSHA'S...?
YOU'RE ..
I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU PAY FOR STEALING MY LEGS.

SFX: FLASH
I'M GOING TO DESTROY YOUR RAGTONIA...
IN JUST THE SAME WAY,
AND FREE MY PEOPLE...
FROM LIVING IN FEAR OF DEMONS.

THOSE ARE THE REA-SONS...
I'M GOING TO DE-STROY YOU!

HOW AMUSING.
I THOUGHT I HAD ERADI-CATED...
ALL LIFE IN THAT COUNTRY...
RUSTLE
CRACKLE
VOOOM
BUT TO THINK THAT YOU,
OF THE ROYAL FAMILY,
HAVE BEEN LIVING ON AS MY RAGTONIA...
WOOOO

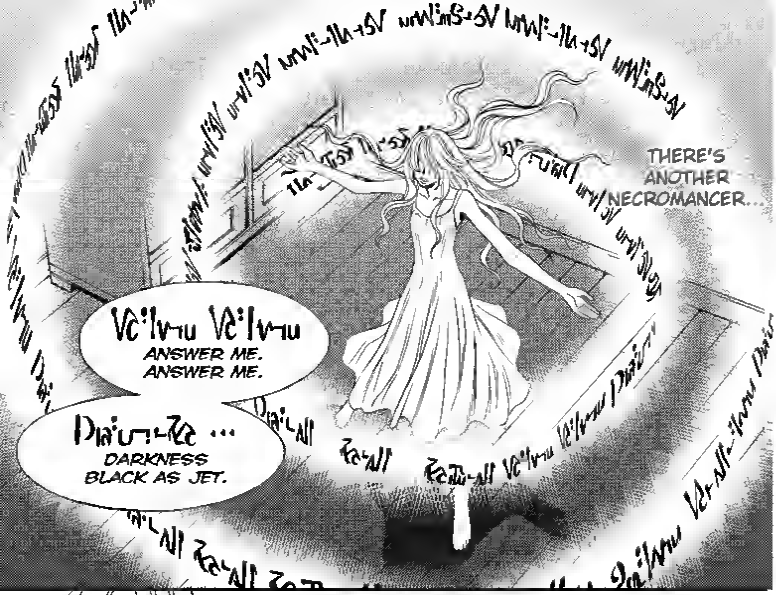
SFX: SHOOOM
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO STAY DEAD
KEEP HOLD OF ME, CARDUS!
WE'RE GOING!
YEAH.

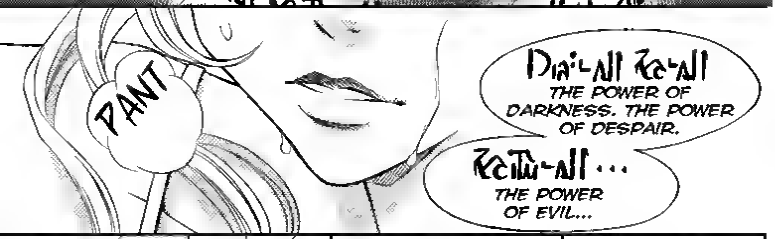
SFX: FWOOM
ANSWER ME. ANSWER ME.
DARKNESS BLACK AS JET.
THE POWER OF DARKNESS.
THE POWER OF DESPAIR.
THE POWER OF EVIL.
STAND, FAIRIES. PROTECT THIS LAND!
SUBORDINATE THEM...
TO MY WILL AND STRENGTH.
SFX FLASH
FALNA.
IS HE TRYING TO WIPE THIS WHOLE VILLAGE OFF THE MAP?!
SUCH A SWELL OF BLACK MAGIC...

WE SHOULD HAVE...
LEFT THE VILLAGE BEHIND...
DAMN IT...
IF YOU DON'T, YOU CAN'T DEFEND AGAINST THIS!
YOU NEED TO USE EVERY LAST BIT OF MY POWER, RIGHT NOW!
FWOOSH
VANISH ...
SFX SHOOOOOM

SFX:
BOOM
SFX
FWOOOOOM

SFX: SHOOOOM
SFX CRACKLE X3
WHAT'S GOING ON?
DARK MAGIC IS PROTECTING THE VILLAGE...
IT'S...
A NECRO-MANCER...
...
SOMEONE OTHER THAN HIM...


THERE'S ANOTHER NECROMANCER...
ANSWER ME. ANSWER ME.
DARKNESS BLACK AS JET.

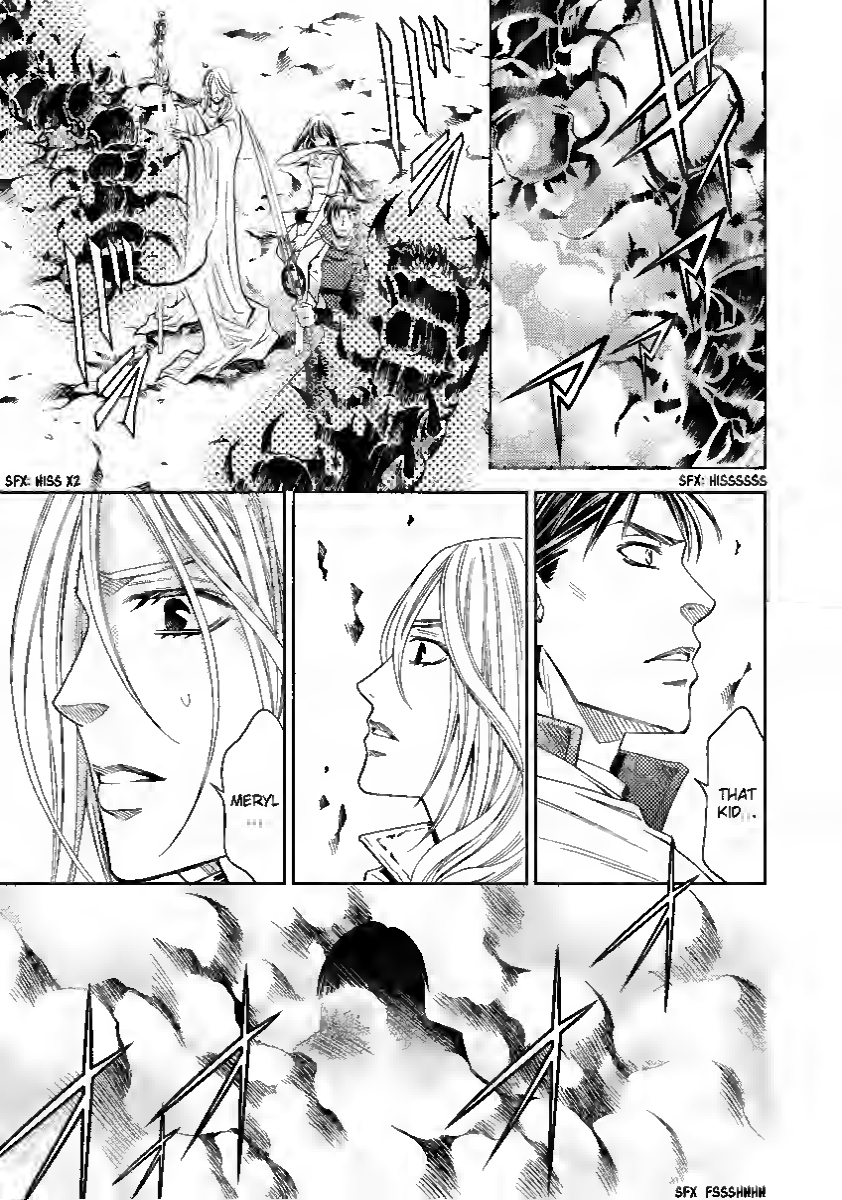

PANT
THE POWER OF DARKNESS. THE POWER OF DESPAIR.
THE POWER OF EVIL...

I WON'T...

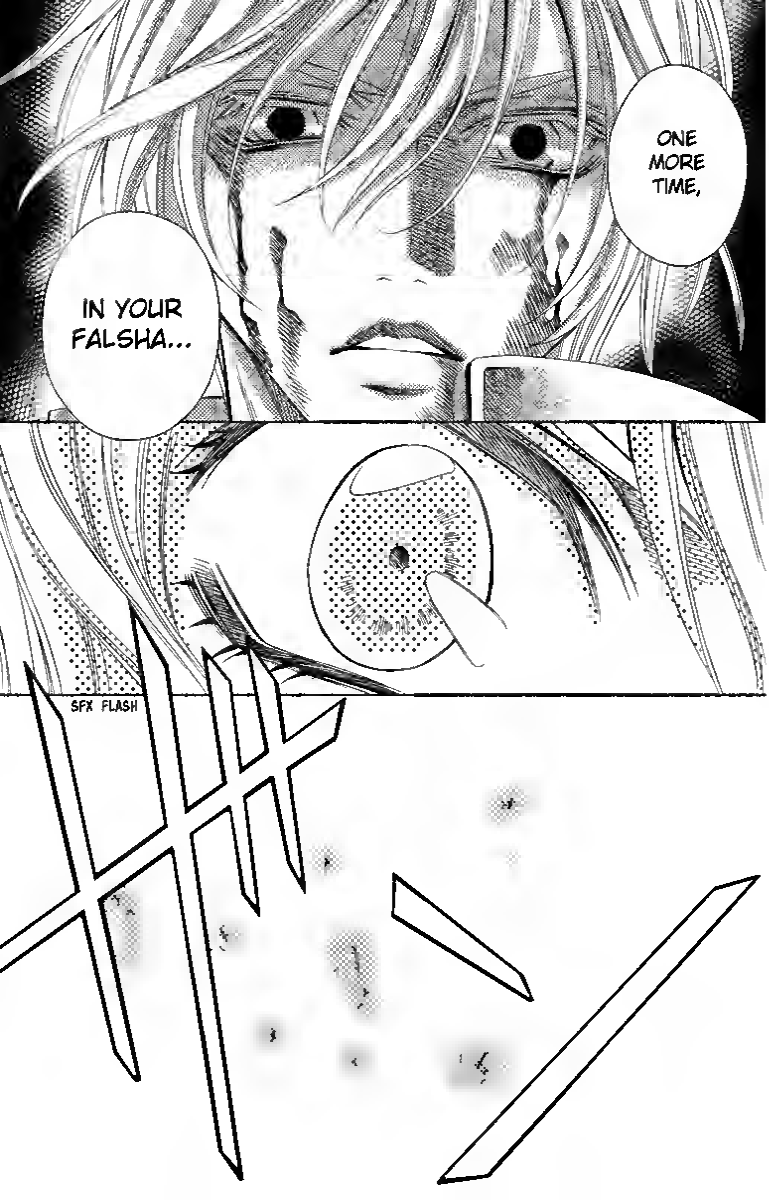
I WON'T LET YOU DESTROY THEM.

THESE PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT ME PEACE...
THIS VILLAGE...

EVEN IF I HAVE TO USE EVERY LAST BIT...
OF THE MAGICAL ENERGY THAT SUSTAINS ME.
I WON'T LET YOU...
HARM A SINGLE HAIR ON ANY OF THEM.
NOW GET OUT OF HERE...
I'VE BEEN ALIVE LONGER THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF,
BOY!
SFX: WHAM


SFX: HISS X2
SFX: HISSSSSS
MERYL...
THAT KID...
SFX FSSSHHHH

I SEE...
I NEED...
MORE POWER STILL ..
SFX DRIP
IN THAT CASE,
I'LL BE A SEEDBED FOR MAGIC.
I'LL FEED ON HUMAN LIVES....


ONE MORE TIME,
IN YOUR FALSHA...
SFX FLASH

IT TOOK SO, SO LONG...
BUT...
HOW ARE WE EVER GOING...
TO GO BACK ALONG THAT ROAD QUICKLY ENOUGH...?
IT TOOK US SO LONG...
TO GET HERE...

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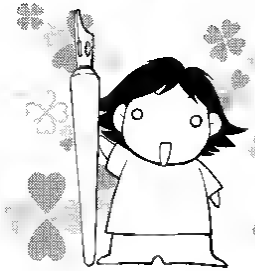


HELLO THERE! I'M SHIOMI CHIKA.

WE FINALLY MADE IT TO VOLUME 3!

(I CAN'T BELIEVE IT TOOK TWO YEARS FROM VOLUME 2.)

I HAD SO MUCH FUN DRAWING IT THAT IT WAS OVER BEFORE I KNEW IT.

BECAUSE I'VE WANTED TO DRAW IT FOR SO LONG.

I FINALLY GOT TO TELL THE STORY OF CARDUS'S CHILDHOOD. I'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO THAT FOREVER.

HE OUTGREW BADH BY THE TIME HE WAS ABOUT 15

BADH AND EIRE WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT VOLUME TOO.

BADH TALKS ABOUT SHEEP THEN TOO, AND EIRE IS STILL UNREFINED.

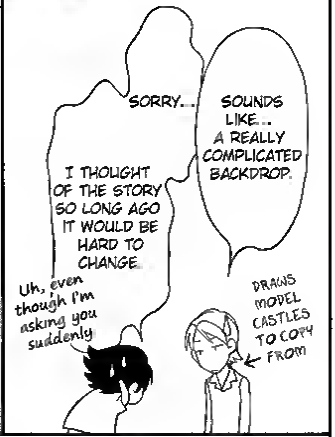
MAKE SURE YOU LOOK FOR IT!

AFTER THIS, THE BATTLE WILL SHIFT TO FALNA'S CASTLE.

AND THE ULTIMATE ENEMY FINALLY APPEARED IN THIS VOLUME TOO!

AS USUAL, I'M WORKING ON OTHER MANGA AT THE SAME TIME, SO IT MIGHT BE A BIT SLOW.

BUT I HOPE YOU'LL PICK UP THE NEXT VOLUME WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE! ♡


SORRY...
SOUNDS LIKE... A REALLY COMPLICATED BACKDROP.
I THOUGHT OF THE STORY SO LONG AGO IT WOULD BE HARD TO CHANGE.
Uh, even though I'm asking you suddenly
DRAWS MODEL CASTLES TO COPY FROM

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